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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! The children have settled back into class really well this week and are ready to get back to work and as always, we continue to be amazed with how they take things in their stride. If you have any concerns at all or any worries, please let us know via an email to the school office or request a phone call.

**Curious Curriculum:** Our class topic for this term continues from the last and is 'Ancient Egypt.' We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of what it would have been like to live in Ancient Egyptian times. We will be learning about Egypt across the different aspects of the curriculum including Geography, History and during our English lessons. We feel it is extremely important for the children to know which subject they are learning and that it doesn't all roll in to one. In addition to last term we will be using a new book to inspire our writing. It is called Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx!

**Homework:**

As ever, these are optional and intended to help engage your child with our class topic. We will continue to set weekly spellings on google Classroom as this seems to be working well. Homework may vary on a weekly basis depending on what has been taught in school.

**Times tables:** As the children move up through the school, it becomes increasingly important that they are fluent in their times tables recall. This becomes particularly important as they are required to complete more complex calculations. We practise times tables twice daily and use a chanting method to aid recall. Please ask your child to share this method with you at home and help them with practise.

**PE:** We are very lucky this term to be able to start our weekly Swimming lessons. The children were a credit to the school last week as we travelled to Thornbury. The children were put in their groups last week and are ready for this coming week. As well as swimming, the class will

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continue to benefit from sports coaching led by Bristol Sports on a Wednesday afternoon and they have British Cycling on a Tuesday morning. Not only will the children learn about how to be safe on their bikes they will also learn some bike maintenance!

**Reading:** Please continue to read with your children at home as often as you can. We suggest at least 3 times a week. It is also helpful to ask your child questions about what they have read. For example, predicting what might happen next or discussing a character's feelings or motivations to build inference skills. We have attached a link which has some useful ideas for how you can help your child with reading for enjoyment.

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/top-10-tips-to-help-children-enjoy-reading.html>.

If you would like to discuss any of the information here in further detail, or have any questions, arrange a meeting through the school office.

Best Wishes,

Becky Sambrook, Sarah Margea & Sarah Nelmes